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RE: WAL MART APPLICATION FOR INSURANCE & INDUSTRIAL BANK CHARTER

Dear Sir:

This letter is to inform you of our negative response to Wal-Mart's application for deposit insurance. A Wal-Mart Bank in or near our community would be devastating. Mixing banking and retail commerce is terrible public policy and it could jeopardize the impartial allocation of credit that congress and our government has, up until this date, tried to assure. Congress has stated its opposition to mixing banking and commerce in the Gramm-Leach-Bliley Act. To allow Wal-Mart into the banking world would create huge conflicts of interest. A Wal-Mart Bank could discriminate against small businesses that compete with Wal-Mart and/or favor Wal-Mart suppliers in its credit decisions. A Wal-Mart Bank could pressure Wal-Mart suppliers to bank with the Wal-Mart Bank.

The fact that Wal-Mart has gotten into so many businesses and offered so many products is destabilizing to communities in which a Wal-Mart store opens. With its vast resources it has driven out community grocery stores, pharmacies, and hardware stores and could also drive out community banks if they are allowed into the banking world. A company with as much power as Wal-Mart hurts independent enterprise and would be bad for banking and the economy.

We have not spoken with one banker who supports this proposal by Wal-Mart for an insurance and industrial bank charter. It is universally agreed that Wal-Mart has enormous control in communities in which it locates and the sectors in which it does business. To allow it into the banking world would give it even more control and would represent a dangerous concentration of economic power. We do hereby urge you to deny Wal-mart's request for deposit insurance.

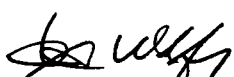
Very truly yours,



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